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1. SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY IN LUSAKA AUGUST 17 AT WHICH THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER DONATED 100 SEWING MACHINES TO ZAPU, JOSHUA NKOMO COMMENTED ON THE QUESTION OF AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA. THE ZAPU LEADER SAID THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE LIBERATION WAR "WE HAVE BEEN SINGING THE ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE SONG, BUT I AM AFRAID WE WILL HAVE TO SING A DIFFERENT TUNE NOW." NKOMO SAID THAT HE DID NOT WANT ANOTHER GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS "A WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY."

2. EMPHASIZING THAT ONLY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD THE POWER TO END THE LIBERATION WAR, NKOMO SAID THAT THE GUERRILLA FORCES WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE WAGING THE WAR UNTIL SMITH IS FORCED TO SURRENDER. HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT ANY CONFERENCE ON THE
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ZIMBABWE QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE DETERMINED BY CIRCUMSTANCES NOW EXISTING IN LIGHT OF THE INCREASED WAR EFFORT. AS FAR AS LOCATION WAS CONCERNED, NKOMO SAID ANY CONFERENCE "CAN JUST AS WELL BE HELD IN A TENT IN THE BUSH."
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